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Rep. Rob Stafsholt Helps Get Additional HazMat Team Funding

New Richmond, WI – Representative Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) issued the following statement regarding the Joint Finance Committee’s approval of a funding increase for Hazardous Material teams:

“I am happy to report that on Tuesday, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) unanimously approved a budget motion to provide Hazardous Material (HazMat) teams with increased funding for the first time in 26 years. This issue was brought to us in the Legislature by The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association and also local HazMat team members from Menomonie. I reached out to JFC Co-Chair Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) and made my request to him that JFC pass the motion appropriating \$500,000 in award grants to local units of government to support the replacement of equipment utilized by local HazMat teams. I believe this funding increase is necessary to help HazMat teams like the one in Menomonie. With this appropriation, HazMat teams will be able to better provide their services through the use of state-of-the-art equipment and meters. I am pleased with the JFC’s action on this issue.”

HazMat teams provide services across the State of Wisconsin such as helping to manage natural disasters, accidental man-made hazards, and provide security assurance at large-scale public events. The appropriation will be used to overcome the increase in training costs, and assist in replacing outdated meters and detection equipment.

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